(c) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Air India, at present, is operating to 26 countries both physically and/or through code shares/joint ventures. The countries are USA, UK, France, Thailand, Japan, Hongkong, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Kenya, Tanzania, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Switzerland, Russia, Korea, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Neitherlands, Mauritius and Nigeria.

(b) and (c) At present, Air India has no plans to expand its services to any new destination.

**Review of ongoing Civil Aviation Projects**

1598. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviwed the performance of projects approved, launched and under progress for expansion and strengthening infrastructure Network of civil aviation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, projectwise; and

(c) the details of plan allocation made for various projects?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The details of major projects under execution are—

Extension/strengthening of runway and alied works, etc. at Calicut, Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Lilabari, Bhubaneshwar, IGI Airports;

Construction, extenstion or modification of terminal building with all modern amenities at various airports located at Kargil, Bangalore, Guwahati, Agartala, Port Blair, Bhuj, Tezpur, Imphal, Lilabari, Bagdogra, Patna, Chennai, Calcutta;

Construction of Integrated Cargo Terminal Complex at Chennai, Delhi IGI Airports; and Provision of aerobridges at Mumbai, and Bangalore airports.

Apart from the above projects, associated works such as construction, extension modification of link taxi track, pron, isolation bay, pavement works etc. have also been taken up along with the above projects. Action is at hand to provide Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radars, Distace Measuring Equipment, Instrument Landing System Doppler Very High Frequency Omni range, at various airports.

(c) The plan allocation made for various projects are Rs. 385.95 crores for various aerodrome at international as well as domestic airports, Rs. 82.47 crores towards Aeronautical Communication Station Schemes, Rs. 28.49 crores on Global satellite services schemes (equipment and electricals)

Rs. 15 crores on Modernisation of Air Traffic Services, Rs. 15.32 crores on other miscellaneous works; A total capital outlay for the various projects for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 527.32 crores.

***Conditions for bilateral air agreement***

†1599. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries with which Government have held talks for bilateral agreement for air-flights between India and other countries alongwith country-wise details thereof;

(b) whether these countries have submitted certain conditions for such flights;

(c) if so, the details of such conditions; and

(d) whether Government have considered the said conditions and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Bilateral talks have been held with 18 countries since November, 1999 to review air service matters, details of which are at Statement *(See* below).

(b) to (c) Actual operations by the designated airlines of different countries are subject to their commercial judgement. In some of these cases, operations by foreign airlines are subject to commercial arrangements with Indian carriers.

**Statement**

*Details of Bilateral Talks since November, 1999*

| | Name of the country | | Increase in entitlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lithuania | : | 450 seats/week (10.11.99) |
| 2. | Qatar | : | 584 seats/week (10.11.99) |
| 3. | Uzbekistan | : | *1900 seats/week (21.1.2000) |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.